GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:415
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CLEARANCE TO ATHIRAPPALLY HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER PROJECT IN KERALA .
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted a counter affidavit for getting early environmental clearance to Athirappally Hydro-electric Power Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay in approval of the project; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be approved?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a), (b) & (c) Environmental clearance was accorded to Athirappally Hydro-electric Power Project on 20th January, 1998. The High Court of Kerala in its order dated 17.10.2001 directed the Kerala State Electricity Board to conduct the Public Hearing and the Central Government to reconsider the matter of granting environmental clearance based on the report of Public Hearing. The public hearing report is yet to be received .